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Portland Harbor Superfund Site Cleanup Plan

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To say this recently released proposal is a disappointment is a huge understatement. It appears you are, once again, bowing to pressure from industrial polluters at the expense of residents and wildlife. It is laughable that you find it adequate that a person should be able to eat Willamette catfish about 20 times each year without elevated risk.

This plan needs to be designed to achieve pollutant levels significantly lower than those currently proposed. It is highly uncertain that monitored natural recovery, which you project will take over 25 years to heal the river, will be effective enough, not to mention the extended time frame. Your proposed plan should require more dredging in the more polluted areas.

Finally, the proposal to store dredged toxic waste in a special containment area in the river is a recipe for disaster. Beyond the routine safety issues lie potentially disastrous consequences during an earthquake.

In this day and age, the \$746 million price tag for this project does not seem very large. It is time you put the residents and our environment first. It is time to finally hold truly accountable those parties that profited greatly at our expense, creating this mess in the first place.

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